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The General Assembly,

Aware of the determination of the peoples of the States that comprise the Andean Community to preserve their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, promote peaceful coexistence in the Andean region and develop their relations in conditions of peace, self-determination and freedom,

Bearing in mind the commitment of the peoples of the States that comprise the Andean Community to promote political, economic, social and cultural integration and cooperation in order to contribute to the sustainable long-term peace, security and balanced and harmonious development of the Andean region,

Recalling its resolution 58/317 of 5 August 2004 that reaffirmed the central role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of international cooperation,

Recognizing the Declaration of San Francisco de Quito on the Establishment and Development of the Andean Zone of Peace, adopted in Quito, on 12 July 2004 by the Heads of State of the member countries of the Andean Community within the framework of the fifteenth Meeting of the Andean Presidential Council, for the purpose of establishing a zone of peace within the geographic area comprising the territories, airspace and waters under the sovereignty and jurisdiction of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, as a zone free of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as anti-personnel mines, in which the necessary conditions will be developed to permit the peaceful and agreed solution of conflicts of any nature whatsoever, as well as the causes thereof,

Noting with satisfaction that the Andean Zone of Peace is based on the responsible exercise by citizens of democratic values, principles and practices, the rule of law, human rights, social justice, human development, poverty eradication, social exclusion and inequity, national sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs, as well as on Andean identity, the promotion of relations of friendship and cooperation for all-round development, the culture of peace, as well as joint efforts

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to prevent and counteract both conventional and new threats to security, and the joint quest for a fairer and more equitable international order,

Stressing that the Andean Zone of Peace represents a continuous and participatory effort of the peoples of the States that comprise the Andean Community aimed at promoting growing commonality between Governments, public opinion, political parties and civil society, with regard to widely shared objectives and values,

Further stressing the progress achieved by the States that comprise the Andean Community in matters of security, peace and confidence-building on the basis of a democratic and non-offensive conception of external security through the adoption of decision 587 containing the "Andean Common External Security Policy Guidelines" in July 2004, as well as of other Andean norms to promote cooperation and coordination of initiatives for fostering efforts to combat the global problem of drugs and associated crimes, and to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all is aspects,

Noting that decision 552, entitled "Andean plan to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects", adopted in June 2003 is the first binding subregional instrument derived from the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects[1] adopted in 2001,

Considering that peace, security and mutual trust are essential requirements for achieving the sustainable and long-term political, economic, social and cultural development of their peoples,

Persuaded of the need to contribute to the maintenance of the Andean Community as a region free of weapons of mass destruction — nuclear, chemical, biological and toxic — as well as the definitive eradication of anti-personnel mines,

Recognizing the importance of promoting peace, security and cooperation in the Andean Community for the benefit of the entire human race, including of its peoples,

Convinced that the establishment of the Andean Zone of Peace will contribute considerably to the strengthening of international peace, security and trust, as well as to the promotion of the principles and purposes on which the Charter of the United Nations and international law are based,

1. *Welcomes with particular satisfaction* the declaration of the Andean region, particularly the geographic area comprising the territories, airspace and waters under the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the States that comprise the Andean Community, as Andean Zone of Peace;

2. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate with the States that comprise the Andean Community in promoting the principles and purposes provided for by the Declaration of San Francisco de Quito on the Establishment and Development of the Andean Zone of Peace;

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[1] See *Report on the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Traffic in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, New York, 9 to 20 July 2001* (A/CONF.192/15 and Corr.1), chap. IV, para. 24.

3. *Encourages* the States that comprise the Andean Community to make every effort to ensure the early fulfilment of the commitments arising from that Declaration.